

Mayor of Francis Also Hospital Board Member

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John Bergen

When you retire from a busy metropolitan area in California and move to a peaceful mountain valley

Since then, John has built a new ranch house himself on five acres of scenic countryside, was elected mayor of Francis in 1980, was appointed to the Board of the Wasatch County Hospital in 1986, is a member of the Trustee Advisory Council of the Utah Hospital Association, and is the project manager of the new South Summit sewer system.

Wayne T. Terry, administrator of Wasatch County Hospital, explained that Bergen was recruited to be a hospital board member because he was known in the community as being an energetic man who really cared for his fellow human beings, and because he had the reputation for getting things done.

"John is a valuable member of the board, from an important part of our service area," said Terry. "And we especially appreciate his support in helping us to establish the South Summit Community Clinic and for

"A well-trained, reliable ambulance service is paramount in the time of a medical emergency, and we have a dedicated team whose members are all certified and very well trained.

"We can give the hospital a lot of credit for that, because they provide the training and backup for our ambulance personnel. And when we transport a patient to Wasatch County Hospital, I can always rest assured that they will get the best possible care. It is a good relationship and I am glad to be a part of it," said Bergen

Terry said that Bergen also played a big role in getting the South Summit Community Clinic operational. "It was a natural assignment for him to take as a hospital board member," said Terry, "and we very much appreciate John's help in establishing this satellite to our hospital that

strengthens our health care system by providing high quality primary care in South Summit County."

The South Summit Community Clinic opened in 1984 and moved to its present location at 50 North Main in October 1987. Jerry Dearing is an experienced Certified Nurse Practitioner who is on duty during regular hours and as needed. Physicians from the hospital's medical staff rotate through the clinic on a regular basis and Dearing consults with them by phone and in person as needed.

The clinic has on-site X-ray and lab facilities and is fully prepared to treat everything from basic trauma and illness to cuts, bruises, and broken bones. For more serious ailments or injuries, the physician at Wasatch County Hospital is only 15 minutes away. Call 783-4326 for an appointment.

the leap" and purchase a home. Coupled with Jordanelle, Heber Valley just might regain some of its lost economic vitality.

The only question that needs to be addressed is whether our people are adequately educated to assume such careers? If not what needs to be re-adjusted in our thinking and in our educational system that would allow us to reap the benefits when such a project moves in versus being left holding the bag.

We applaud Summit County and its successful economic coup. The competition for business is fierce and the fact that they were able to lure such a prize as Lucas Western Inc., testifies to their business acumen and unity of cause among the town's people.

Letters

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experience can create problems both for the child and, ultimately, for all of us.

The parent must be the ultimate judge of the quality of the care their child is receiving. In most locations there is a range of child care providers to choose from. In Wasatch County for example, there is one state licensed child care center and four state licensed home providers. There are also dozens of non-licensed providers. Experts agree that the most important factors in evaluating the quality of child care are the attitude of the caregivers and the environment they create for the children.

However, the state has set the standards on which it licenses day care facilities because it has found that these are important in ensuring the highest quality care. For this reason, they are useful for parents to consider in evaluating any child care provider. Among these standards, for example, are requirements that minimum health and safety standards which must be met, liability insurance purchased, nutri-

and the large number of strangers in and around such areas, she noted.

State social service agencies have long been active in encouraging quality day care because it is a cost effective alternative to other forms of assistance in many cases. Some studies in Utah have found that each dollar spent to subsidize child care for low income single parents saves four dollars which would otherwise have to be spent if the parent could not work. Now for the first time, the federal government is close to getting actively involved in subsidizing day care and improving the quality of the care available. Several bills are gathering support in Congress which would make millions of dollars available for this important area.

The changing economic and social patterns of the 1980s are bringing the problems with providing high quality day care to public attention. Parents, providers, and government at all levels must work together to ensure that the needs of all our children are being met. But it is a mistake for those who are

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Appointments made to County Hospital Board

HEBER CITY—Two local men have been appointed to serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Wasatch County Hospital Board, announced today by

Wyane Terry, Hospital Director.

The completely volunteer board, meets to discuss the problems which could be resolved by outside sources, and give an added

perspective to the hospital.

Appointed as Chairman was Kenneth D. Smith, of Heber City. Smith has been serving as a board member for the last year and a half.



Ken Smith (right) was named as the new Chairman of the Wasatch County Hospital Governing Board. LeRoy Kohler, was named as his Vice-Chairman.

Smith is a lifetime resident of Heber Valley. He has always been active in his civic duties, giving generously and freely of his time.

Ken is the owner of Big O Tire, in Heber City. He and his wife Sharon, have 4 children. He is a member of the Rotary Club.

Appointed as Vice-Chairman was LeRoy Kohler, of Midway. Kohler has accumulated a total of 6 years already on the board, and shows great excitement in assisting the chairman in his duties.

Kohler is the owner of Canyon View Dairy, on River Road. He and his wife Phyllis have 9 children. He has been an active member in his community, having served as President of the Midway Booster Club, and is a member of the Wasatch High Boosters Club.

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Utah, but also in most states of the nation. During fiscal 1983, educational expenditures by the state totaled \$815.7 million, or 43% of all state expenditures. Not included in this total are educational expenditures from locally-raised taxes, expenditures for capital projects at educational institutions, and spending from restricted funds at Utah colleges and universities that are not reported to the Division of Finance. These other items would add an estimated \$600 million to the education total.



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Wasatch Hospital Gets New Board Chairman

By ALICE BEUHNER
Wasatch Correspondent

HEBER — Kenneth D. Smith of Heber City is the new chairman of the Wasatch County Hospital Board of Directors. The 11-member board is composed of prominent citizens in the county, including one county commissioner.

Smith is owner of Big O Tire Co. in Heber City and has been active in civic affairs, having served as president of both the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary. His involvement with health includes running, and he and his wife Sharon both finished in the St. George Marathon in October.

"New appointments will have a

great impact on the community, on business, it will be a positive effect, and the hospital — if we are ready for it — will have a positive effect, also. We service a large area — Duchesne County, Summit County — especially Kamas — and a lot of tourists in the summer," says Smith.

The Wasatch County Hospital is managed by Intermountain Health Care Inc. and provides up-to-date technology and diversity of services.

"The hospital's immediate goal right now is to redevelop a long range plan for both facilities and personal care," he said. "The hospital is well staffed and we have a great administrator."